

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I am writing regarding the introduction & expansion of the LPFM broadcast service being considered by the FCC. My understanding is that the FCC is now proposing to expand LPFM service in such a way that new LPFM stations will take priority over current FM translator service. This new “prioritization” especially concerns me. Many of my family, friends, and colleagues regularly listen to K-LOVE, which is carried on FM translator service in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties in California on the 89.7, 103.1, and 91.9 frequencies.

K-LOVE provides strong, family-based programming not available on other stations in my local area. The music is positive, bright and upbeat. The words—both lyrics and commentaries—are encouraging and uplifting. I can leave the radio on in the car or at home, and not worry about my family being exposed to inappropriate language, dark lyrics, or sexual innuendo we’ve heard too frequently even on local news, talk, or sports stations. K-LOVE’s breadth of news coverage is also impressive and balanced. Without K-LOVE, we would be left with news and commentary that is heavily skewed one direction or another.

Nothing else in my local area has this top-notch, positive programming. K-LOVE is also listener-supported, meaning it is commercial-free. Without K-LOVE in my local area, my only choices would be music or news/talk format I wouldn’t consider family-friendly—all of them frequently interrupted with ads for things I don’t need.

By providing positive, upbeat, family-friendly programming that is simply not available elsewhere in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties, K-LOVE is providing a much-needed public service. We have plenty of other radio stations that tell us how bad things are and how bad we are fixing them. K-LOVE provides both perspective and hope by pointing us upward, by telling us how people are making a difference, and how we can make a difference, too.

I strongly urge you not to expand LPFM as a priority over existing FM translator service stations, especially K-LOVE.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Camburn